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Daniel Clowes

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•Sexual Frustration
and more!

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MASTURBATION
FANTASY



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WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A COLD?

I take cough medicine and I get plenty of sleep and plenty of exercise. And I eat well. And I sleep well. And I can work well, regardless of the cold. And, ah, I'm a great walker. I get plenty of exercise daily and I like everyone, but if I meet a wise guy I just haul off and let him have it.



Well, I don't get them, but when I do I take Aspirin. Or Mentholum. Something like that. Vicks VapoRub relieves the phlegm in the throat.



I'm not a doctor, but Dadgett would help a cold. I wouldn't know exactly. It would depend on the nature. Cough drops? Depending on the nature of the cold. A cold in the throat would require gargling. One thing I had years ago was Geritol. G-e-r-i-t-o-l. They're expensive, they come in a small tin can and they're wrapped in a small tin foil, about a half inch in diameter. In addition, a doctor, I don't recall his name, recommended Whorehound cough drops. W-h-o-r-e-h-o-u-n-d.



Take some Ben, it immediately takes effect. R-e-b-m. It's not too expensive. You can make it yourself. You get a cross cut saw and a hammer and a chisel. I'll tell you how to do the job later. I'll write it out for you. And when I write it out for you, you stick it in your vest pocket. That is, if you have a vest. If you don't have a vest, just stick it in your upper pocket. And later on when you have a cough, you just reach in your pocket and take out the Ben and take about a tablespoon full and it slides right down, like going from first to second. You don't have to run too fast from first to second if you hit the ball hard enough - is you hit it out of the park... Not much to it, it's a simple remedy. You make it yourself. Baseball players don't worry about nothing. Why should they? They can run like a deer. They can run like a Goddamn fish in the water.



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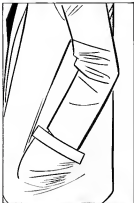
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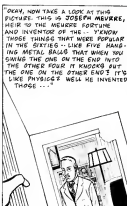
Meowwhistle...

OH! I
HAVE JUST THE
THING, SIR!

... IT STILL
JUST LOOKS LIKE
A MOLE...

LOOK
CLOSER.

FEELS
SHRILL!



"HE WAS KILLED BY HIS FATHER AFTER HE WROTE A BOOK CALLED 'SECRETS OF THE POWERFUL AND CONTENT' WHICH WAS APPARENTLY NEVER PUBLISHED... YOU CAN SEE THE '41 JONES FIGURE ON THE SHELF THERE IN THE BACKGROUND"



"THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN HIS FATHER'S STUDY IN 1932 -- NINE YEARS BEFORE THOSE FIGURES WERE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC."



HOW DID YOU GET INTO THIS?

SEE THAT OVER THERE? BEFORE THE LAKE GOT SO POLLUTED I WAS A MERCENARY DIVER...



WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN MY OLD MAN DIED AND I HAD TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY... SO I BOUGHT THIS USED DEEP-SEA DIVER'S RIG AND HIRED MYSELF OUT... LIKE, SAY SOMEBODY GETS KILLED AND THEY THROW HIS BODY IN THE LAKE, I'D GO IN AND COLLECT EVIDENCE... I MOSTLY WORKED FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES...



I LEARNED A LOT ON THAT JOB... I LEARNED THAT THE WORLD IS A SHITHOLE FILLED WITH SWINE AND SHEEP.

...ALSO, YOU CAN'T TRUST THE NEWS MEDIA.



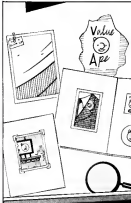
...WAS THAT YOUR WIFE?

NO, I'M NOT MARRIED... IT'S THE DOG.



I THOUGHT YOU SAID SOMETHING BEFORE ABOUT YOUR WIFE MAKING LUNCH?

I JUST SAID THAT SO YOU WOULDN'T THINK I WAS A FAG.







Wimps, dweebs and fuckwops:



See, I'm not such a bad guy! I love lotsa things... like f'r instance:



Driving at night:



Baseball:



Sitting around for hours doing nothing:



Oh, excuse me--sorry to disrupt the flow of the story but I'd like to add one thing to the "Baseball" panel before I go any farther... It REALLY goes on my nerves when people make intellectual excuses for liking baseball--like they say they appreciate the "Grand Symmetry" or the "beautiful geometry of the game" or something...



Maybe now would be a good time to get this out of the way-- Thanks in part to you readers I've come across a few things that were left out of "I Hate You Detroit" and I'd just like to touch briefly on those for a moment...



To begin with:



Hippie businessmen like Ben & Jerry and The Grateful Dead!

OUR FIRST-QUARTER EARNINGS ARE DOWN DUE TO UNEXPECTED SATURATION OF THE TRIPPED-OUT TIE-DYED T-SHIRT MARKET.



The Protestant Work Ethic:

I'M DAMN PROUD THAT I'VE SPENT THE LAST FORTY YEARS ATTACHING DOO-HICKYS TO WIDGETS ON THE ASSEMBLY LINE! SOON I CAN RETIRE AND DEVOTE FULL TIME TO MY HOBBIES-- ALCOHOLISM AND BITTERNESS!



God, I can't stand the typical good-looking American, stuck on the constant treadmill!



Ready to follow some topical sad or to buy any useless product as long as it's shoved down their throat with enough authority!



The marketplace is controlled by truly hateful mean guys. Their own responsibility is to make a profit and as a result the general public has very little choice beyond blockbusters and big sellers.



Thanks to this system there's plenty of stuff all over the place for us to hate (I mean, be on my side) like, I'm kidding... Cuddly Bestsellers:



Horrible, pandering, irrelevant magazines:



Formulaic 'action' movies:



Dull, derivative, watered-down 'musicals':



Television, time-wasting
television programming

- And tonight on AMERICA UNDER GLASS we take a look at "The Study and Glats of Spring break" and pay a visit to the set of TV's popular drama VIGILANTE JUSTICE...

And, needless to say, the only demerits your Average Joe is likely to see are boring, inconsequential, unreadable and virtually indistinguishable from one another...

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**LOOK KIDS
COMICS!**

Think about it... Didn't you have to go to a lot of trouble to find this comic?

WELCOME TO
THE MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE

Background
CAME

Just about anything that represents a personal, singular vision, whether high art or obscene pornography like **BIGT**. BALL has been effectively disenchanted from the mainstream and removed from the marketplace.

Instead we have widely-distributed, committee-manufactured, marketable, diluted gruel for the masses.

YOU KNOW...
HE'S RIGHT!

WFL
FIELD

Grey it burns and icy!

ME
TAP

1

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SPARK
Ang.

LET'S
BAND
TOGETHER

FORM
A
LYNCH
MOB!

**BURN
AMERICA
TO THE
GROUND!**

Ring
SWAM

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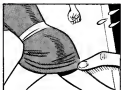
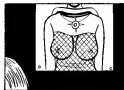
Dr.
R.
M.D.

I would, except
for one thing..

WHAT'S THAT?

I'm a Puddler.

THE END



Dan Pussey's MASTURBATION FANTASY

by: D. Clowes

IF YOU THRILL-SEEKING VOYEURS THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SEE DISTURBINGLY GRAPHIC PANELS OF YOUNG PUSSEY HANDLING HIS "JOHN-GON" IN THIS STORY YOU'RE JUST SHIT OUTTA LUCK! NO, WHAT FOLLOWS IS SOMETHING FAR MORE UNSETTLING-- A BOLD, UNCENSORED LOOK INSIDE THE VAUNTED PUSSEY IMAGINATION DURING WHAT SOME CALL "SELF ABUSE" A STREAM-OF-CONSCIOUSNESS FANTASY EXACTLY AS SEEN BY OUR MAN DAN IN HIS MIND'S EYE! PROCEED WITH CAUTION!



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COMIC EMPORIUM

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Young Pussey is God!

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His pencilling is not to be believed!

Butter rules!

Long love the Butt!

Better than Miller, better than Perez... that's Dan Pussey!

He is without peer!

Hello Mr. Pussey! I've wanted to meet you for a long time... You're my favorite comic artist and I find you terribly sexy!



I'm a famous fashion model!

I-I want you to "make love" to me!



Let's try it!

But before we go, let's duck into the Secret Lab and change into our costumes!



Oooh! I can't WAIT to get into Action!



Can you zip me up?



You were BEAUTIFUL a few minutes ago! Now you look like Bruce Sallen's sister!

That's because she's the only girl you've actually ever seen up close and despite your incredible imagination you're unable to put-
tain a mental picture for very long!



Oh, well! Let's go.

You're still going to make love to me AREN'T you?



Later, at my place.

LATER? I want you NOW!



C'MON! I need you! I want you to violate me in every way imaginable! C'MON!

Heh Heh I love it when they beg!



WHAT TH-- HOLD IT! That woman is being attacked by ALIENS!

AIEEE!











Welcome DEAR FRIENDS to the WORLD OF TOMORROW! You, the lucky few, are about to be afforded (through the grace of THE MAGIC EIGHT BALL) a precious glimpse at what lies ahead in that ETHERAL REALM BEYOND OUR GRASP... Join me, your humble prophet, as we step beyond the CURTAIN OF DESTINY to that great unknown called...

THE FUTURE



Dan'l Clowes

IN THE FUTURE... Nothing new will be created. Old ideas will simply be perpetually reshaped, recycled and re-combined... Until every combination has been exhausted at which point THE WORLD WILL END!



What's that?

Something new... a HI-FI PIZZA!

Oh, an

BOOM!

As cosmetic surgery grows more sophisticated and perfection becomes attainable standards of beauty will change...



That dog is my blind date! Thanks a lot, 'pal!

I know, I know... but Helen she's got a great personality!

3 jobs why me??

SINGLE FRIEND

Three trends to watch for in the Future.

1) Teenage boys will adopt the "Balding, Patchy, Fortynish Businessman" look.



2) Expensive restaurants with intentionally bad food and terrible service will begin to pop up around the country...



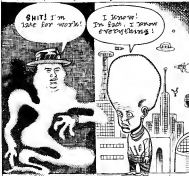
3) Urban sophisticates will spit, scratch and peek their noses at formal gatherings.



I PREDICT THAT the current generation of Baby Boomers will continue to dominate the marketplace for AT LEAST FIFTY MORE YEARS!



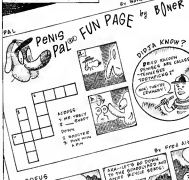
Through evolution some people will develop huge bald craniums while others will exist only in a gaseous state.



Despite the efforts of conservatives, the restrictions governing mass media will gradually disappear.



Even the Sunday Funnies, that final outpost of traditional family values, will follow suit.



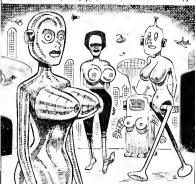
You and everyone you know will die
and be forgotten...



There will be adorable children's cartoon
characters based on Charles Manson and
Richard Ramirez...



There will be lots of sexy, female robots
with big tits. (NOTE: ORIGINALLY PREDICTED BY
HEAVY METAL MAGAZINE (SEE: EVERY COVER SINCE 1970))



There will be nostalgia for the nostal-
gia of previous generations.



In fact, the popularity of mass murder-
ers as celebrities will increase dramat-
ically. They will be depicted in the media
as wise-cracking near-deities and will
tear large profits (endorsements, grandiose
etc.) in proportion to the number of peo-
ple they killed.



Every baby who ever recorded anything
will at some point be called a 'genius'
by somebody...



Most of North America will be taken up by a huge, sprawling, genocided Megopolis...



As the population grows, no one will be alone in his or her interests no matter how esoteric...



The level of violence in entertainment will rise to the point where films without graphic scenes of actors actually being tortured and murdered will be all but ignored.



Things will get much worse before they get better...



THERE YOU HAVE IT, my friends! The MAGIC EIGHTBALL writes and having just moved on, leaving in its wake a blueprint for your destiny... An inevitable destiny that's getting closer every day... And no matter how hard you struggle THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!



THE LOVE EXPLOSION

Write to: **EIGHTBALL
BOX 3357
CHICAGO, ILL.
60654**

To: Young Dan Clowes.
The Simpsons sucks.
'Ewan Frank' (except for the dancing midget) sucks.
Suck. Suck. Suck.
'Eightball' does not suck.
It is better than very good. It's like sugar coated flakes.
'It's great!'
Great. Great. Great.

Gilbert Hernandez
Woodland Hills, CA.
P.S. Please print this so
people will know I don't really
hate everything.
P.P.S. Kevin Muskegon looks
like how Harvey Keitel would
look like to look.

Daniel Clowes, whatever!
I was in the 'Mystery
Train' movie. I played the
bellhop. Anyway, the thing
is I'm not an actor. I'm a
film-maker - an independent
one at that. Based in Boyle
Heaven. Look, man 'Eightball'

comes to amazing and I
think 'Like a Velvet Diva
in Tarn' would make an in-
teresting movie!

Cinquel Lee
Brooklyn, NY

Dear Daniel,
Yeah! @#%!! Sheesh, best
comic I've read in months!!
Blat it - best one ever sub-
ma! D. Fussy but hander-x-
ever, V. Glue to getting
more twisted - like it told,
etc. Sheesh, I'll pay \$6
for this book! Sheesh! Ta!

Ron Thompson
Austin, TX

ALL YOU COMIC LOVERS OUT THERE
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KILLBILLY BASTARD' (#2 FPD,
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TX. 78761), FIND OUT WHAT
'GUESS I'LL HAVE ON BOB TEST
A LITTLE' MEANS.

Daniel,
Glad to see someone else
appreciates the character
of Robt Tilden. The only one I
can think of that compares
to 'Dr.' P. James Kennedy
with his reffer. class trash
shots in Fla. Keep thinking
these vital pullings!

Richard Bruns Lee
Durham, NC

Dan,
Finally caught up with the
first issue of 'Eightball'! It's
great stuff. All these clowns
out there are trying to hang on

to stories that are worthless and
perverted and now make it look
so easy... Each story had its
own feeling of dread and un-
canny and tension. Especially
'Young Dan Sudden'! Too much
truth in that one.

With all the 'stuff' that's
out there these days, yours is
still among my favorites. It's
like electric shock! The rest
is like oatmeal.

Chuck Dixon
Lancaster, PA

Dear Daniel,
I really like the new 8 Ball
...In issue 2 (p. 22, Pan 6) you
show Norman as a hated
British musician. Norm wel-
come to hate him, of course, but
he's not British. He's well, you
can guess...

Charlie Harris
Sutton, AZ

WHAT??



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SEXUAL FRUSTRATION

It's EVERYWHERE! Have you noticed? I mean, just look around. Doesn't ANYBODY GET LAID ANYMORE?



Take this guy, for example, rhythmically poking his ice with that straw... What's HIS story?



Or her... is she aware of her sublimated sexual gesture? I doubt it!



And what about that guy? He must be REALLY DESPERATE! Such an overt gesture! Who doesn't just take his THING out and wag it around, for Christ's sake! What's the problem with people these days? What is it, this LIFE thing? What?

